

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota has dedicated citizens and we have very few occasions to recognize these patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, South Dakota and this country were founded on hard work, perseverance, dedication and concern for one's fellow man; and,

Whereas, First Sergeant Joseph J. Puetz has devoted over 40 years of his life serving this state and country; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

Whereas, First Sergeant Joseph J. Puetz continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, First Sergeant Joseph J. Puetz's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

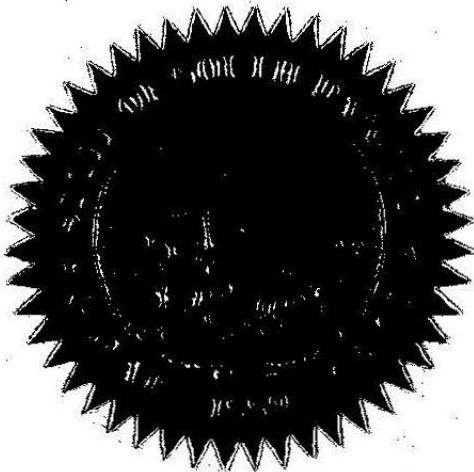
Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend First Sergeant Joseph J. Puetz for his dedicated and outstanding service:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 1, 2004, as

FIRST SERGEANT JOSEPH J. PUETZ DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and the United States.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.



M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State